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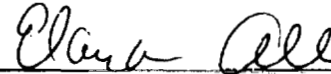
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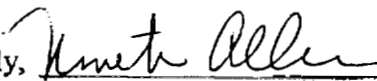
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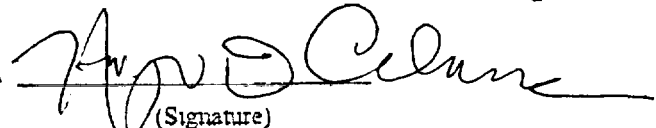
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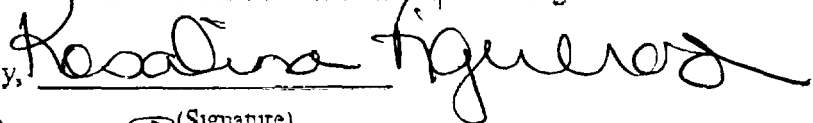
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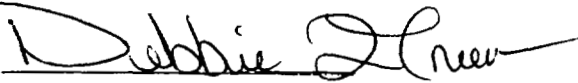
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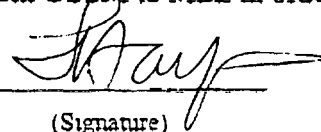
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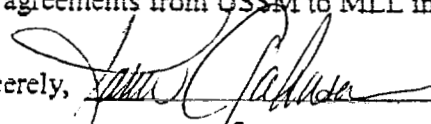
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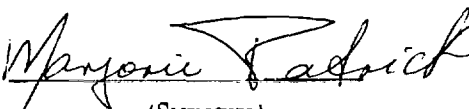
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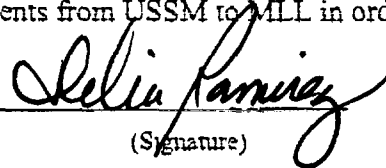
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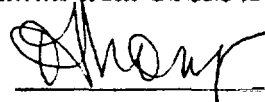
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to express strong support for Maersk Line, Limited's (MLL) request to transfer the fifteen Maritime Security Program (MSP) operating agreements from U.S. Ship Management (USSM). It is important to U.S.-flag shipping, national security, and the stability and reliability of defense sealift for the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to approve the MLL application.

As a concerned citizen who has a deep respect for the U.S. Flag Maritime Industry, I believe it is vitally important that this matter come to a close. The crews on board these vessels want – in fact need – certainty about who will be the vessel operator. Transferring the vessel operating agreements to MLL provides the long-term certainty about crewing and the future of the vessels in the program that are critical to the U.S.-flag merchant marine and national defense sealift.

MLL is a respected commercial operator that provides vital assets and systems needed to meet defense sealift requirements, including employment opportunities for seafarers. Streamlining the management of the fifteen vessels, which represent nearly one-third of the MSP fleet, is critical to military sealift and to improved commercial operations by MLL. Approval of the application will eliminate duplicative management structures and more closely integrate the management of these vessels with that of Maersk's U.S.-flag fleet performing military missions.

The transfer application has been strongly supported by maritime labor and the U.S. Transportation Command. This matter has been pending with the agency since November 2002. In the intervening time, Congress has made significant progress on a reauthorized MSP. Importantly, both the House and the Senate bills, currently being debated in a House-Senate conference, contain provisions permitting *exactly the same arrangement* as sought by MLL in its application to MARAD. Continued indecision on this matter will adversely impact seafarers, military sealift, and the MSP program.

After nearly eleven months of debate, where all concerned have had an opportunity to review the issues, comment on the matter, and discuss with the Department and the agency, the time has come to bring this matter to closure. I strongly urge MARAD to approve the application to transfer the MSP operating agreements from USSM to MLL in order to bring stability and reliability back to MSP.

Sincerely,

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